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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME; 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Sir:

This is a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for a total period of one (1) month from October 10, 2002 to November 9, 2002 to file a Response to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action dated September 9, 2002.

Enclosed herewith is a check for the required fee of **\$110.00**.

Applicants also conditionally petition for a further extension time to provide for the possibility that such a petition is required.

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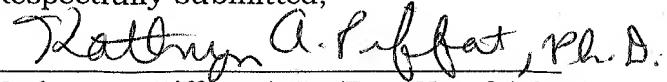
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If for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105**.

Date: October 17, 2002

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